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Stock up for Spring

Outfits going on the land, and farmers starting spring operations. We respectfully solicit your business. Feel that we can give you just as good value if not better than city and mail order houses.

We have the stock and can fill your order no matter how large.

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We pay Market Price.

This week we pay for New Laid Eggs 60 cts. per doz.
Butter, choice dairy 45 cts. lb.

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Phone 9. GROCERIES & CROCKERY.
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We are Selling them every day!

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The Famous 10-20 'TITAN' Tractor!

It has made a reputation for itself during the past few years which is unequalled.

It gives better service and greater results than many other makes of twice its size.

The removal of the duty makes it the Cheapest and Best Tractor in the World

You can Save its Cost in One Year

See us now and get
Delivery at Once!

ROY. SMITH

Dealer - Bassano.

The Water Question

A New Light on the Matter

It would appear from statements submitted to this office in connection with the water delivery that the figures quoted in the article published in last week's issue of the subject were entirely erroneous and in justice to the contractor who delivered the water from December of last year to the end of last month we print the following statement.

Total amount used as per meter reading 70,000 gallons. Amount sold to consumers in town \$201.05. Amount sold to United Electric Co. \$97.00.

This from December 11th to February 28th the total revenue from this business has been \$298.05.

The Contractor is prepared to swear to the accuracy of these figures and also is positive that he delivered water during the period in question on at least 36 days, so that instead of being a job which is well worth while or as we stated last week should earn about \$240.00 per month the job is scarcely worth handling from an individual's point of view.

The figures from which we quoted last week were supplied to us by Secretary Geo. B. H. Bond and we accepted them from that source without question.

The new light on the matter however only emphasizes more strongly the fact that the water question should be dealt with by the Council and not the contractor. It would be foolish to propose to mix the proposition of a revenue producer if it is handled in the proper way.

Councillor Struthers, chairman of the Waterworks Committee suggests that those who are interested in this question should attend the next meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday, and promises that any suggestions which may be brought forward will receive full consideration.

The Mail would therefore urge all ratepayers to attend next Monday's meeting and it may be found possible to arrive at some solution satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Dr. G. M. Shaw Had Very Narrow Escape

Courage That Won Military
Cross Shown Under
New Conditions

Information reached the city this week that Capt. G. M. Shaw, M.C. R. A. M. C. formerly a physician of this city was on board the transport which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on December 31 last.

Capt. Shaw writes that the vessel sank within twenty minutes and that a second transport was sunk and also the torpedo boat destroyer. Capt. Shaw's life boat was unusually jammed and could not be released so that he pluckily leaped into the water and succeeded in keeping afloat until picked up some time later by a trawler. Immediately on being picked up Capt. Shaw began to give attention to others who had been picked up and by means of artificial respiration succeeded in saving some who but for his timely arrival would doubtless have succumbed.—Ex.

Hot Cross Buns

We are making Hot Cross Buns as usual this year—Give your orders at your store early—They will be at hand on Thursday afternoon, March 21st—BASSANO BAKERY

Bassano On The

Eve of A Boom

Rapid Development of Town
and District Already Over-
Takes The Housing
Accommodation.

Bassano finds itself today on the verge of a famine and the immediate future does not seem to offer any relief. In fact the further one looks ahead the more severe does the situation appear.

We are not short of food—neither are we in danger of a coal shortage; the water situation was never brighter, in fact there is nothing threatening the lives of our citizens.

But we are faced with a serious shortage of house accommodation for the number of people who would make Bassano their home.

Broadly, the facts are these:

A large number of persons are coming into the district who are desirous of making Bassano their headquarters; a number of men employed by the C.P.R. we understand will shortly be required to make Bassano their terminal point and they too will be required by circumstances to make this town their home.

The great majority of these people are naturally anxious to take advantage of the facilities which are to be obtained here and want to get houses which are on the water and secure lines.

At the present time there is not an improved house to be obtained in town; there are a few houses on the water line which for various reasons have been allowed to stand vacant for two years or more.

The owners of these houses have lost money every year rather than let the water and sewer, for there is no possible shadow of doubt but that these houses would have been occupied the whole time, if the improvements had been installed.

Today we find one family encamped on the doorstep waiting to take possession while the people who are vacating the houses are removing their furniture.

There is undoubtedly a splendid opening here for any man who has the capital, to erect a few up-to-date houses, with an assurance of continuous rental such as was never seen before.

In the meantime what are we to do with the people who are already here?

There are houses to be had—but an unfortunate deadlock between the municipal authorities' laws and the parsimonious shortsightedness of the owners of the houses forces them to remain unoccupied.

Once more we urge those property holders to ask themselves whether they can afford to ignore the assurance of certain revenue from their houses for the sake of the cost of installing the water and sewer?

When the probable purchaser of the property arrives the fact of the houses being unimproved will most decidedly be taken into consideration when the price is arranged so why not install the improvements now and draw revenue while waiting for purchasers?

Notice of Dissolution

Notice is hereby given that Albert E. Smith and George H. Smith, heretofore trading under the name of Smith and Bear, of Bassano, and Lathrop, Province of Alberta, Farmers, have this day dissolved partnership.

All persons having claims against the said partnership are requested to send statements of such claims to the undersigned before March 31st, 1918.

Dated at Bassano, this 13th day of March 1918.

R. W. FORD
Public Accountant

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We are pleased to announce that the duty has been taken off our famous line of

Titan Tractors.

10-20 h.p. now \$1310

Our 10-20 h.p. Titan has proved to be the best farm tractor in the world, and the new price brings it within the reach of every farmer.

Complete Stock of Drills, Disc
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Place your Orders Now

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Friday Only--'Henpecked Henry.'

Saturday--Lou Tellegen in "Long Trail."

Monday and Tuesday:

Wm. Russell in 'The Fighting Gentleman'

Wednesday and Thursday:

"The American Consul."

Friday and Saturday, Next Week:

Douglas Fairbanks. "In again, Out again."

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Is your Car in good shape?

Running Gear in good order?

Tyres O.K.? Osgoods Installed?

Chains useable? Brakes satisfactory?

Steering gear true? Wiring all right?

IF NOT, BRING YOUR CAR TO US and we will put it in Good Running Order for the year

DON'T FORGET we are giving 5 per cent discount on all Accessories purchased before March 31st.

The General Garage

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Manager

Going to Build?

Bring your plans to us and we will figure out your needs to the last nail and show you where you can save money on the whole estimate.

BUT do it NOW

for the price of Lumber is due for an increase shortly, and to get the benefit of the present prices you should get your order in at once.

The Atlas Lumber Co., Ltd.,

Phone 7 W. B. ROGERS, Manager

"THE WOLF"



AT THE GEM THEATRE

Tuesday, March 19th

A rare treat for the way of dramatic art is being offered to patrons of the Gem Theatre, at which "The Wolf," a thrilling drama of the northwest, will be presented on Tuesday March 19th.

No western play ever made such an immediate sensation as "The Wolf." Upon its production in New York and Chicago, it was hailed as a masterpiece, and its story has been the subject of many a play.

The play is a story of a whole nation in New York and Chicago, and has been the subject of many a play.

The United Provinces Company has now secured the rights of the play. A limited company of New York artists have been engaged to interpret the drama, and a special scenic equipment has been ordered from the famous Skopel studios of Chicago. The entire production is being staged under the personal direction of A. J. Edwards.

No have a rare, gripping drama should miss "The Wolf." The dramatic simplicity of the characters, so fully displayed, has wonderful content in the story, making it a drama in the best sense of the word.

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Is the Provincial Government sincere in its professed anxiety to encourage increased production for 1918?

An instance which has recently been brought to our notice would seem to create considerable doubt by the method of distribution of seed grain, which undoubtedly is the surest means of securing increased production if it is undertaken consistently.

A farmer who has an equity in a considerable tract of land in this district recently made application for seed grain, only to be met with a polite but positive refusal on the grounds that inasmuch as he did not possess clear title the Government had no security against the loan of seed.

Surely it would be possible for the Government to take a lien on the crop and share with the farmer the chances of harvest.

There must be many such farmers in the province who do not possess a clear title to the land they are farming but who are willing to put up a year's work against the seed grain furnished by the Government and take equal chances on the return.

Under normal conditions the action of the Government might be commended but under present conditions, we feel that the Government is lacking in the very principles it professes, for if Alberta's crop is to show as great an increase as would appear to be necessary, then they must discard the hesitations which they profess to be seeking and which we are informed is absolutely vital to the Alberta cause.

Where men are willing and anxious to help the scheme by sowing increased acreage they should be encouraged in every possible way, and not hindered by petty quibbling on the question of repayment for any loan made to him for after all the farmer is taking the larger risk.



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Irrigation makes the farmer independent of rainfall, and insures good crops, not only occasionally, but EVERY YEAR.

Irrigation makes possible the successful culture of alfalfa, the king of alfalfa, which insures good returns in dairying and mixed farming.

Irrigation means later sowing and later harvest, with all the advantages of densely populated agricultural community.

Irrigation in the Canadian Pacific Railway irrigation is no longer an experiment, the years that it has been tried having conclusively demonstrated its success wherever intelligently applied.

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2 7 year old mares, well mated, weight about 1200.
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1 well broken machine, horse, 10 ft. will work over 100 days.
1 1/2 hp. Genoa tractor, and discharger, will do any good work as a tractor.
A good Port Portland two miles west of station.

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Farmers who want land broken at Reasonable.
Apply at once to

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I am offering a choice lot of stallions age 2-4 years all of imported Mares Sired by imported Stallions. I can supply you with a stallion for the show ring or the range either home bred or imported. This year's shipment have just arrived. If you want a horse with size and quality, see this bunch. My prices are right. Absolute satisfaction guaranteed. I have been in the business for thirty five years. If a horse does not make good you can always track him back to me.

Yours for business on the square
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Bassano Municipal Hospital

Graduate Nurses in attendance
for particulars write
A. G. Scott - Superintendent



Income Tax Forms

Are now available

Returns must be filed on or before 31st March

THE Dominion Income Tax Act requires you to fill in one or more of the five special Forms provided before 31st March, 1918. In order to assist the public to understand just what is required of them, information on each Form is given below. Read carefully, then get three copies of the form that fits your case and fill them in. Answer all questions fully and accurately. For making false statements, a penalty of \$10,000 or six months' imprisonment, or both, is provided.

Individuals.—All persons unmarried, and all widows or widowers without dependent children, whose income is \$1500 a year or more, must fill in Form 71. All other persons whose income is \$1500 or more, use the same Form. Where any income is derived from dividends, list amounts received from Canadian and Foreign sources separately. Fill in pages 1, 2 and 3 only. Do not mark on page 4. Partnerships, as such, need not file returns, but the individuals forming the partnership must.

Corporations and Joint Stock Companies, no matter how created or organized, shall pay income tax on income exceeding \$1000. Use Form 72—giving particulars of income. Also attach a financial statement. Under Dividends, show in detail amounts paid to Patriotic Fund and Canadian Red Cross or other approved War Funds.

Trustees, Executors, Administrators of Estates and Assignees use Form 73. Full particulars of the distribution of income from all estates handled must be shown as well as details of amounts distributed. A separate Form must be filed in each case.

Employers must use Form 74 to give names and amounts of salaries, bonuses, commissions and other remuneration paid to all employees during 1917 where such remuneration amounted in the aggregate to \$1000 or over.

Corporation Lists of Shareholders.—On Form 75 corporations shall give a statement of all bonuses, and dividends paid to shareholders residing in Canada during 1917 stating to whom paid, and the amount.

Figures in every case are to cover 1917 income—All Forms must be filed by 31st March. For single, a list of \$100 for each day of default may be imposed.

In the case of Forms 71 and 72, keep one copy of the filled in Form and file the other two with the Inspector of Taxation for your District. In the case of 73, 74 and 75, keep one copy and file the other two with the Commissioner of Taxation, Dept. of Finance, Ottawa.

Forms may be obtained from the District Inspectors of Taxation and from the Post-masters at all landing centers.

Forms must be filed in all letters and documents forwarded by mail to Inspector of Taxation.

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W. LANGSTROTH,

Manager

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Consult the Local Manager for particulars.

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STILES, The Druggist

Local and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rogers left on Saturday for Calgary.

Mr. McCallan of Wynburn, Sask. was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Harvey Smith, over the weekend.

Service at the Anglican Church on Sunday next. Celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

It is expected that a house full of fellow suffragists will greet "Hoped-for Henry" tomorrow at the Gam Theatre.

Wonder if the manager of the Electric Light Co. has ever read about Slylock. If he has, he should take a lesson—if he has not he should.

Even the greatest of men have little weaknesses and the editor of the Brooks Bulletin seems to incline to this fault necessarily blind pigs (at times).

The big demand for houses in town these days makes one think of Melville Hat in the bustle of 19th century days. There is a fortune waiting for some enterprising builder if he takes advantage of this opportunity.

Pat O'Brien who has been one of the attractions of Pierce & Currier's. His theatre business, has quit and intends to raise wheat and other things on a farm this year.

Manager Brown of the Electric Light Co. was in town last week. We understand that he does not yet consider reducing the rate of juice to either the town or private consumers.

W. B. Playfair has taken over the agency for the famous Case Line of tractors, and anticipates a big year's business from the fact that the duty has been removed from the two smaller sizes, which makes the prices very attractive to probable purchasers.

Say boys—if it costs you a number of \$2500 a year for fuel—and you suddenly are presented with fuel free don't you think you would afford to make some little concession in return. Especially when you anticipate an increase of revenue of about \$1500 per year.

During the course of the week Secretary Doud has received an anonymous letter addressed to the Council, containing several interesting statements. Mr. Doud wishes to inform the writer thereof that anonymous letters cannot be submitted to the Council, and if the one in question is desired to receive the attention of the Council, the writers name must be attached.

We understand that the supply of the popular and efficient 10-20 Tractors is somewhat limited and in view of the heavy demand which is sure to be made for them this year we strongly advise all intending purchasers to place their orders at once.

More Politics?

As far back as last August we stated the National Farmers' Committee to make known their future plans regarding the supply of good grain and general assistance to farmers, spending such, as the best means of ensuring increased production for 1918.

The spring date, with the condition of more or less conflict, reports in the newspapers regarding their intentions, nothing has yet been announced.

The Spring is hardly the time to issue appeals to farmers for increased production for this year—that part of the work should have been accomplished last fall.

From Edmonton we hear whispers of more or less academic discussions regarding this vital question but nothing of a practical nature has yet been put forward.

The latest hint is the suggestion that members of the Agricultural Colleges shall be set loose among the practical farmers to help increase production.

What utter rot this is! All the farmer needs is first to be shown the breeding secondly, to be given the necessary assistance either in seed, grain or supplies and an assurance, that if the country is blessed with a bumper harvest the labor essential for the reaping of the crop will be found.

For this job that would be needed are men of business ability, men who are able to organize and men who are able to exploit the necessity.

To Automobile Owners

How To Run Your Car Economically

One of the most necessary things to do in the changing of the oil in the crank case. If you have used your car in cold weather without a radiator cover, starting an engine cold, the charge of gasoline runs passed the piston rings and mixes with the oil in the crank case, which when it warms up is mixed as a lubricant and often results in the burning out of the bearing and consequently your engine knocks.

Thoroughly clean out the lubricating system and have your car overhauled by experienced repair men. Any play in the running parts of the engine, transmission, differential or wheels should be taken out and adjusted, and if any parts are worn new parts should be put in.

The steering gear and brake should be most carefully examined. The lubricating system also should be gone over and new grease which is clean and free from dirt should be used in the joints.

If you have a spare tire, make sure it is in good shape for this is an important thing.

Fill up with good oil and thoroughly grease all parts that need it.

A little care and attention to your car will extend its useful life and save you a lot of money.

THE GUN HALLOWEEN

New Spring Shoes

We have just received a delivery of Ladies' and Children's Shoes for the coming season in the famous "Classic" Make. They are right up to the minute goods in Black, Tan, Grey, Havana Brown, etc.

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High quality only stocked
New Pack Sauer Kraut 25c.
Full Cream Cheese 35c. lb.
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